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# BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1971

Incorporating a Report on the Sanitary  
Circumstances of the District prepared  
by the Chief Public Health Inspector.

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BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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F.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., Cert.S.I.B.,  
Certificated Inspector of Meat and  
Other Foods.

The appointment of Chief Public Health Inspector is  
held by the Surveyor to the Council.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A. Spence, M.A.P.H.I., Certificated Inspector of  
Meat and Other Foods.

# GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ... ..	49,257
Registrar General's Estimate of Population (Mid.1971)..	11,200
Number of inhabited houses ... ..	4,270
Number of Council Houses ... ..	482
Rateable Value for the year ending 31st. December,1971	£447125.00
Estimated sum represented by a penny rate for the year ending 31st. December,1971 ... ..	£4471.00

## Live Births : Legitimate

Male	77
Female	65
Total	142

## Live Births : Illegitimate

Male	9
Female	4
Total	13

## Still Births

Male	
Legitimate	1

## Total Live Births

Male	86
Female	69: Total 155

Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... .. 13.8

## Deaths : All Causes

Male	47
Female	48
Total	95

## Deaths : Infants under 1 year of age

Male	2
Female	-
Total	2

Death Rate per 1,000 population ... .. 8.5

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births ... .. 13.0

TOTAL DEATHS, 1971

CAUSES OF DEATH	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasn, Oesophagus ...	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasn, Stomach	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasn, Intestine	4	2	6
Malignant Neoplasn, Lung, Bronchus	4	-	4
Malignant Neoplasn, Breast . . .	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasn, Uterus	-	1	1
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	1	3
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Mental Disorders	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	2	2	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	10	11	21
Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	2	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	3	8	11
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	5	6
Pneumonia . . . . .	5	2	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema . . .	3	-	3
Asthma	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1	2
Cirrhosis of Liver . . . . .	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Birth Injury	1	-	1
Ill Defined Conditions	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	-	1	1
All Other External Causes	-	1	1
Total All Causes	47	48	95



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Total Cases Notified

89	Measles
6	Infective Hepatitis
2	Scarlet Fever
2	Whooping Cough
1	Dysentery

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Tuberculosis

New cases notified during the year : Nil

The cases known to be living in the area at the close of the year were as follows :

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5	4	9
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1	1
	5	5	10

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National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47

Three elderly persons came to notice as in need of care. Informal action was successful in securing their admission to hospital.

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A REPORT ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF THE RURAL DISTRICT

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1. Water Supplies

The water supply of the district has been satisfactory, both in quality and quantity, no shortage being reported during the year. In several villages a small amount of sediment has required frequent flushing which is always carried out immediately the matter is brought to the notice of the water undertaking.

Number of samples taken for bacteriological examination :

(a) From wells	11
(b) From piped supply	-

Results of samples taken :

From Wells	-	Satisfactory	9
		Unsatisfactory	2
From piped supply	-	Satisfactory	-
		Unsatisfactory	-

Number of wells :

(a) Closed	-
(b) Cleansed	-

There were no cases in which a piped supply was substituted for well water. There is a public piped supply of water to 24 parishes, two parishes have extensive private systems and two other parishes, which are small and widely scattered, rely upon local private supplies.

## Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No. of cesspools constructed during the year	5
No. of cesspools abolished during the year	2
Total no. in the district on 31st December, 1971	257
No. of parishes with an efficient sewage disposal works	17
No. of parishes where new schemes have been formulated	1

## Proposals

Work came to a halt at the Houghton on the Hill Sewage Works when the contractor became bankrupt and completion is being undertaken utilizing small local builders. Work is proceeding well in constructing a new sewerage system and sewage disposal works at Hungarton.

## Existing arrangements

Modern sewage disposal facilities are available in the following parishes:

Billesdon (constructed 1957) (to be enlarged in 1972)

Burton Overy (constructed 1949)

Great Glen (enlarged 1970)

Houghton on the Hill (being enlarged to village plan needs)

Keyham (constructed 1960)

Rolleston (there is a private disposal system for Rolleston)

Scraptoft (constructed 1954)

Skeffington (constructed 1952)

Stoughton (constructed 1956) (this works is overloaded but a large proportion of farm waste has now been removed from the system)

Tugby (constructed 1962)

Tilton on the Hill (constructed 1957)

Thurnby (constructed 1954)

Wistow (constructed 1962)

Newton Harcourt (constructed 1961)

The following villages are included in the programme for new disposal systems:

1. Orston

2. East Norton

3. Lowesby

Enlargement of the Tilton works to cater for new development is becoming necessary and a scheme has been prepared to add to the Billesdon Works to meet the needs of the Village Plan. The Stoughton Works must be critically assessed when local farmers remove all farm wastes from the sewers.

### Closet Accommodation

Total Number in the district at the end of 1971:

(a) Privies	Nil
(b) Pail Closets	59
(c) Water Closets	3803

### Public Cleansing

(a) Number and type of vehicles employed :

Three vehicles two having screw and one hydraulic compression  
One hydraulic tipping vehicle (used for general carting and  
removal of bulky household refuse)

(b) Frequency of collection :

Weekly throughout district

(c) No. of dustbins allowed per dwelling

No limit

(d) There is no special scheme for trade refuse in operation

Refuse is disposed of on one controlled tip at East Norton  
utilising a Weatherill L61 earth moving machine for placing  
compacting and covering. Refuse from the Oadby U.D.C. is  
also received on this tip. The public disposal point at  
this tip is very much used.

### Public Health Inspection of the Area

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including  
particulars given elsewhere in this report :

Total number of complaints received	140
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	95

Inspections made by Public Health Inspectors

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	2
Bakehouses	-
Dairies	4
Drainage Works	270
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	569
Infectious Diseases Inquiries	19
Food Poisoning Inquiries	26
Food Premises	85
Offensive Trades	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	475
Rodent Control	468
Schools	9
Shops and Offices	48
Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection	175
Atmospheric Pollution	1
Verninous and dirty premises	4
Caravans etc.	21
Water Supplies	69
Factories and Workplaces	17
Other Inspections	1244
Total	3506



NOTICES

INFORMAL	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-
Issued during year	3	-
Complied with during year	3	-
Outstanding 31st. December	-	-

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-
Issued during year	-	1
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	-	1

SUMMARY ACTION

No. of Summonses Issued	No. of convictions obtained
Housing - Nil	Housing - Nil
Public Health etc. - Nil	Public Health etc. - Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of Premises	No. Registered	No. Inspections	Accidents Reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31.12.71
Offices	4	2	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	14	14	-	11	6	5
Wholesale Shops	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering estabs open to the public, canteens	8	8	-	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	26	24	-	11	6	5

It will be noted that no accidents were reported during the year

SHIPPING BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

(a) Number of premises licensed 2

(b) Number of inspections 2



Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

No. of Site Licences issued:

(a) Individual vans	6
(b) More than 2 vans	Nil

Regulated Buildings

Regulated Buildings	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action Taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-	-
Canal Boats	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-

Vermineous Premises

Particulars of action taken:

No. of Council Houses infested	1
No. of other dwellings found to be infested	2
No. of houses disinfested	3

The Pet Animals Act, 1951

(a) No. of premises licensed	1
(b) No. of inspections	2
Details of any contraventions	-

Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

(1) No. of premises registered for upholstering etc.	Nil
(2) No. of premises licensed for	
(a) Manufacture      Nil      (b) Storage of Rag Flock	Nil
No. of samples taken Nil	

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1965

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

1.	(a) Number of premises inspected	43
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	85
	(c) Number of informal notices served	5
	(d) Number of informal notices complied with	5
	(e) Number of informal notices outstanding 31st December	-
	(f) Number of formal notices served	-
	(g) Number of formal notices complied with	-
	(h) Number of formal notices outstanding 31st December	-
2.	Particulars of any summary action taken	-

Clean Air Act, 1956

No action was taken under the provisions of this Act.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

Abatement Notice served on wood working factory for noisy dust extraction unit.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Number of Infestations dealt with	126
Number of Inspections (a) By Public Health Inspectors	428
(b) By Rodent Operators	-

Swimming Pools and Baths open to the Public

No. in area :

(a) Publicly owned - Nil (b) Privately owned - Nil

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice Cream

No. of Premises Registered

(a) Manufacture and Retail	-
(b) Manufacture only	-
(c) Retail only	31

No. of samples - Nil

## MILK SUPPLY

### Dairies (other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (section 8 Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959)

No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Contraventions		
		Found	Remedied	Outstanding on 31. Dec
DAIRIES - Nil	-	-	-	-
DISTRIBUTORS - 3	1	-	-	-

### Biological Milk Samples

No. of routine bulk samples taken	Results of Biological Examination		
	Satisfactory	Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli	Evidence of Brucella Abortus
-	-	-	-

Number of individual samples taken following a positive Brucella Abortus report on routine sample : Nil

### Bacteriological Milk Sampling

Class	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Designation			
"Untreated"	-	-	-
"Pasteurised"	-	-	-
"Sterilised"	-	-	-

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

The following table shows the number of food premises grouped in categories by trades carried on and includes information regarding compliance with Regulations 16 and 19.

Regulation 16 requires the provision of wash hand basin and hot water for the use of all persons engaged in the handling of food and Regulation 19 requires facilities for washing food and equipment in certain food premises.

Trade	No.	No. Complying with Reg. 16.	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No. Complying with Reg. 19.
Grocer	16	7	9	9
Greengrocer	2	2	2	2
Confectioner	-	-	-	-
Cafes	4	4	4	4
Butcher	4	4	4	4
Licensed premises and restaurants	21	21	21	21



MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

No. of Licensed slaughter houses in area	1
No. of animals slaughtered therein	773
No. of animals examined therein	773
No. of carcasses inspected at time of slaughter	773
No. of knackers yards in area	-

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	200	-	2	567	4	-
Number Inspected	200	-	2	567	4	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	22	-	-	14	1	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	11%	-	-	2.5%	25%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	25%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	1	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and Totally Condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-



Meat Stalls (including Butchers Vans)

No. of inspections 4

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

No. of inspections 3

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

No. of inspections 1

HOUSING

NEW HOUSES

Houses completed during year by :

1. Local Authority 13

2. Private Enterprise 151

Houses in course of erection at end of year :

1. Local Authority 22

2. Private Enterprise 80

TOTAL NO. of Post War Houses completed by (a) Local Authority 442

(b) Private Enterprise 1801

TOTAL NO. of applicants for Council Houses at end of year 183

Number of applications received during year 90

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR:

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 40

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 69

2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under (sub-head) (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 -

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose -

3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 3

# HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS & UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

## A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

### In Clearance Areas

- (1) Houses unfit for human habitation
- (2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.
- (3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act 1957

### Not in Clearance Areas

- (4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957
- (5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health
- (6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local acts
- (7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders

## B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

- (8) Under Sections 16(4) 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957
- (9) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957
- (10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act 1957

### HOUSES DEMOLISHED

### DISPLACED DURING YEAR PERSONS FAMILIES

-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
2	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
1	3	1
-	-	-
-	-	-

## C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

- (11) After informal action by local authority
- (12) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act 1957
- (13) Under Section 24 Housing Act 1957

### By Owner

### By Local Authority

4	-
-	-
-	-

# D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)

Position at end of year	Number of Houses	Number of Separate dwellings contained in col (1)
	(1)	(2)
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17(2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	-	-

# E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

(16) Houses in Clearance areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year	Number of Houses	Number of Occupants of houses in col (1)
	(1)	(2)
	-	-

# HOUSING ACT, 1949

(a) Grants are made upon the basis of 50% of the approved estimated cost of works of improvement	50%
(b) Number of applications for grants received during year	22
(1) From owner/occupiers	13
(2) Owners of rented property	9
(c) Number of applications approved	22
(d) Number of applications refused	-

# HOUSE PURCHASES AND HOUSING ACT 1959

(a) Number of applications received for standard grants from :	
(1) Owner/occupiers	2
(2) Owners of rented property	7
(b) Number of applications approved	9
(c) Number of applications refused	-
(d) Number of properties improved during year	6



Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. Inspections made by Public Health Inspector for the purpose of provisions as to health:

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupants Prosecuted
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,&6 are to be enforced by local authorities	-	-	-	-
11. Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authorities	22	17	-	-
111. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found			No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

3. Outworkers :

Nature of Works	No. of Outworkers in August List required by Sec. 110(1)(c)	No. of visits
Wearing Apparel (making etc.)	20	5



